P. W. D. Workshop, Trivandrum.

241. ❋ **MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount of capital investment in the P. W. D. Headquarters Workshops at Trivandrum ;

(*b*) the value of articles turned out annually from the Workshops ;

(*c*) the value and kind of articles capable of being produced from the Workshops ; and

(*d*) the kind of articles that can be out-turned in competition with imported articles ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) The approximate capital value fixed by the Workshops Committee in the year 1923 was Rs. 75,000. The present value could be known only after a revaluation.

(*b*) The average value of works turned out during the last three years is Rs. 80,271.

(*c*) Any kind of smithy work, foundry work, machine and fittings, sawing, carpentry and painting works. The value will vary according to the nature and quantity of works turned out.

(*d*) Articles made out of local materials could be produced in competition with imported articles.

Works done in the P. W. D. Workshops at Trivandrum.

242. ❋ **MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) if the P. W. D. Workshops at Trivandrum undertake private works ;

(*b*) if so, the value of works done in 1107 and 1108 ;

(*c*) if the Workshop management encourage cottage industries by manufacturing part works which require the use of machinery ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the nature and value of such works done in 1107 and 1108 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 687-5-4 in 1107 and Rs. 806-19-11 in 1108.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The information is not available as no separate accounts are kept for cottage industries as distinguished from other private works.

Sale of toddy and arrack within the premises of the Kadakkal temple.

243. ❋ **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have issued license to anybody to sell toddy and arrack within the premises of the temple at Kadakkal, in the Kottarakara taluk, during the festival occasion in the month of Kumbhom 1109 M. E. ; and

(*b*) whether they have received any report with regard to that

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes, a case of illicit sale of arrack was taken up by the Second Class Magistrate, Kottarakara, from a compound near the Kadakkal temple on 14-7-1109 and the fact was reported to the Excise Commissioner. The case has been ordered to be charge-sheeted.

Removal of silt in the Nelpura Kadavu Canal.

244. *MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the existence of silt in a small portion called Chekka in the Nelpurakadavu canal in the Kartikapalli taluk;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the silt is an obstruction to boat traffic through a length of 4 miles of the canal; and

(*c*) what the removal of the silt would cost?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) and (*b*) This information is now gathered from the member and from an inspection since made by the local P. W. D. subordinate.

(*c*) About Rs. 2,800.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Have the Government taken action for the removal of silt?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is reported that the canal is not under the P. W. D.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether it is not the P. W. D. that is to attend to this work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No; I am informed that the canal is not under the P. W. D.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): May I know under which department the canal is?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know then why an officer of the P. W. D. was asked to inspect the spot? Am I to take it that the officer undertook the inspection of his own accord?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): When we got this interpellation, we sent it to the officer on the spot and asked him to report.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Am I to take it that, when the P. W. D. officer of the locality was asked about the matter, the Chief Engineer was not aware of the fact that this canal was not under the P. W. D.?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No, not until I got his reply.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Then, may I know the name of the department, according to the reply received by the Chief Engineer, which claims control over this canal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have already answered, Sir, that I claim notice.

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